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## JURY FOR MURDER TRIAL IS CHOSEN AND HEARING BEGINS

**Mercurio Pati Under Charge of Having Killed Deluco at Washington**

### FIRST DEGREE TO BE FOUGHT

District Attorney Outlines Commonwealth Case—William Evans, of Charleroi is Drawn on Jury to Hear The Evidence.

Mercurio Pati, an Italian, is on trial before Judge J.A. McVane at Washington on the charge of murder. He was indicted for stabbing to death John Deluco, his cousin in Tyler ward, Washington, on Sunday evening January 17, 1915. The stiletto pierced twice the heart of Deluco and death was instantaneous.

It was 3:40 Monday afternoon before the testimony was reached. The greater part of the afternoon was spent in securing a jury. The commonwealth is asking for a verdict of murder in the first degree. The defendant was put through the usual form of arraignment and the jurors were called separately and questioned as to their competency to sit in the case. Those chosen were: John D. Amos, Jr., Somerset township; M. L. Cook, Smith township; A. B. Conger, Morris township; Lawrence Dennison, Union township; William Evans, Charleroi; Don. Gladden, Cecil township; Carl Hamilton, Roscoe; D. C. McCarroll, Morris township; Lee Matthews, Deemston; L. K. Porter, Donegal; Hugh Paxton, Canonsburg; and R. R. Riddle, Somerset.

The commonwealth will show, according to District Attorney Miller that at some time it is not known when, Deluco had loaned Pati \$20. Pati the day of the murder had made arrangements to go back to the old country, having got his steamship passage. Deluco, on the way out McAdam avenue in Washington, the testimony will show, said something to Pati about paying back the loan. It is in evidence that he said it had waited long enough and the debt would now be \$30 instead of \$20. The commonwealth will further show, said Mr. Miller that as they reached the point where Deluco was found dead, Pati pulled a knife or stiletto and turning on Deluco sank the knife twice into Deluco's heart.

### "THE DEEP PURPLE" TO BE FIRST SCHUBERT NUMBER

The first of the Schubert program to be shown at the Palace Theatre will be "The Deep Purple" on Wednesday. It is founded on the Liebler production of the same title, which was popular among theatre-goers a few years ago. Dorris Moore the daughter of a country minister is persuaded to go to New York under a promise of marriage. Upon arriving in New York she becomes the decoy of a band of crooks. Complications develop and the mistress of the boarding house in which she is being held a prisoner in a fit of revenge helps the girl and turns the crooks over to the police. It is a play in which vice is punished and virtue emerges from its trials. Clara Kimball Young enacts the leading part, that of Dorris Moore.

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**READY TO WED, SHE SAYS; HE IS NOT; SHE SUES FOR \$5,000**

**Bentleyville Maiden Says Troth Was Plighted Last November And She is Tired of Waiting.**

Five thousand dollars is the amount of heart balm asked by Fannie Nuchina of Bentleyville, from William Szymansky in her damage suit filed yesterday. She says that the defendant has broken his promise to marry her. She says that at Bentleyville, on November 8, 1914, the defendant plighted his troth to her and she accepted him and agreed to carry out a marriage contract. He frequently called upon her, she says, and even went so far as to procure a marriage license, but has refused and still refuses to marry her. She says she had no reason to suspect that the defendant would violate or disregard his contract and that she gave him no reason for refusing to marry her.

## SLAPPING SADIE BAD FOR MORGAN

**Ellsworth Man Claimed to be in Serious Condition From Effects of Fight**

### REFUSED HIM IS THE STORY

John Morgan an Englishman of Ellsworth a mining community near here is said to be in a critical condition from the effects of a fight which took place a week ago, the facts of which just came out today.

It is related that Morgan was attending a dance a few nights ago and took advantage of an opportunity to propose marriage to a young woman by the name of Sadie Bytheway. It is said she gave him the icy stare and answered "No" point blank. Morgan is said to have slapped her.

This was too much for her friends to stand, and what happened to Morgan then was a plenty. He received a broken nose and was badly pummeled about the face and body. His injuries were not considered serious until today, when he took a turn for the worse and may die.

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### Removal Notice.

I beg to announce that on and after February 16, my office will be located at 513 McKean avenue, having been removed from 405 Fallowfield avenue.

Chas. R. Trew, Real Estate and Insurance. 191-tf-M&M

Return engagement, March 1, "Tillies Punctured Romance," Coyle Theatre. 179-tf

## REV. WHIPKEY CALLED TO LOCAL PASTORATE

**First Presbyterian Church Invites Tarentum Man to Take Up Work Here—Church Has Been Without Pastor Since Last June**

Rev. A. J. Whipkey, of Tarentum, was on Monday evening extended a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at a congregational meeting held at the church. It is believed he will accept and take charge of the work in Charleroi at an early date. Rev. Whipkey preached in Charleroi last Sunday.

Mr. Whipkey formerly held the pastorate of a church at Cresson. He has also had experience in the mission fields of Alaska. Lately he has been serving in the capacity of a supply at a Tarentum church.

The First Presbyterian church has been without a pastor since the latter part of last June, when Rev. J. T. Hackett resigned. Later Rev. Hackett accepted a call to a Philadelphia church.

Rev. Whipkey will be the sixth pastor the church has had since its inception early in the history of Charleroi. Rev. Edwards was the first pastor early in the history of Charleroi. Rev. Farmer, Rev. George Snodgrass, Rev. Morvin Custer and Rev. Hackett.

## BANKRUPT SENTENCED FOR TAKING PROPERTY

**Monongahela Man Strictly Up Against it for Carrying Away Goods From Defunct Machine Company's Plant—Made Use of Wagon**

Pleading guilty to charges of larceny after he had waived to court on two charges of forcible entry and larceny, A. R. Otterman former proprietor of the defunct Valley Machine and Turning company at Monongahela at which plant he is alleged to have committed the thefts was sentenced to 30 days in jail on each charge to run separately and was fined \$1 and the costs in each. The hearing was held Monday night before Justice of the Peace J. B. McCallister.

Otterman is a member of a well-known Pittsburgh family and it is believed he is mentally unbalanced.

About one year ago he was kicked on the head by a horse and his actions at times since have been queer. It is probable a commission will be asked to decide on his sanity.

The two charges of forcible entry and larceny were brought by A. R. Day, trustee of the Valley Machine and Turning company, which went into bankruptcy some months ago. He alleges that Otterman has forced his way into the plant and carried away large quantities of different materials using a wagon with which to do this work. The larceny charges were made by R. L. Tidball and are alleged to have been committed at the plant of which he was formerly head.

## ALLEGED ANARCHIST IS CAUGHT AT GREENSBURG

**Federal Officers Place Croatian Under Arrest, Charged With Having Sent Threatening Letters to President Wilson.**

Frank Crandovec, a Croatian 40 years of age was placed under arrest by federal officers at Greensburg Monday evening on a charge of having sent threatening letters to President Wilson at Washington. Crandovec was taken to Pittsburgh today where his case will be thoroughly investigated by government authorities.

It is said that several letters signed by the man's name have been received by the president. In addition to his signature Crandovec refers to himself as "anarchist." In his letters he lays the blame of the business depression upon the president. He says he has no money and can't get any. He wants enough money so that he can either go to his wife in Croatia or bring her to the United States. In addition to his condemnation of the president and the administration, the man makes threats against the life of the president and other high officials of the United States government.

Little is known of Crandovec's life. It has been learned that he came to this country about 10 years ago and

## DOCTORS AND OTHERS MUST PAY WAR TAX

**War Tax Affects Many—Registration Necessary Before March 1. When New Law Will Go Into Effect in the United States.**

In compliance with an act of congress approved on December 17, 1914, all physicians, druggists, dentists, dentists and veterinary surgeons must be registered, and the fee is set at one dollar per annum. This is one of the methods used by the United States government to secure funds, due to the decreased revenues resulting from the war in Europe. Popularly this act is known as the "war tax," as the tax would not have been necessary had the war not started.

The act, as far as it concerns physicians, druggists, dentists and veterinary surgeons, goes into effect on March 1. The fiscal year of the national government begins July 1. So these professional men must pay 34 cents as a registry fee, which entitles them to practice until July 1. After that time the fee is \$1 per annum.

during that time has been engaged at whatever occupation he could find. It is believed that the man is a degenerate and mentally irresponsible of his words and deeds.

## FIFTEENTH HOMICIDE SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER IS REPORTED

**YOUNG-LIKENS DEBATE ON THE PROHIBITION QUESTION SPIRITED**

**Arguments Presented on Both Sides Of Question in Interesting Discussion of Liquor Traffic.**

J. C. Young maintained that prohibition is impractical, un-American and un-Christian and W. M. Likens maintained it was all of these things in a spirited debate before an audience at Turner Hall Monday evening. They gave figures to prove their assertions, Mr. Young attempting to prove prohibition was a failure where it had been tried and Mr. Likens asserting it was success, giving figures from Kansas to prove his contention.

## UNUSUAL DECREE IN LIQUOR CASE

**Judge Irwin Grants Mrs. Lazzari Right to Close Out Stock at Monongahela**

### HUSBAND ADJUDGED INSANE

Judge R. W. Irwin modified his decree yesterday as to the liquor license for the Lazzari hotel at Monongahela. An order was made granting a transfer to the Monongahela City Trust Co., guardian of the estate of Lewis Lazzari, who has been adjudged weak minded.

The situation in this matter was a little unusual. Lewis Lazzari was granted a renewal of his license a year ago, he having conducted a bar in connection with his hotel at Monongahela for several years. The license year does not end until May 1 and if Lewis Lazzari had not become weak-minded he would have held the license until May 1.

When it became necessary that a guardian be appointed for him and this was done and his estate put in the guardian's hands, the saloon had to be closed. The guardian or the wife of Lewis Lazzari had no authority to conduct the bar until a transfer was made. Mrs. Lazzari filed a petition for a transfer of the license to her for the remainder of this license year and for a renewal of the license. Judge Irwin refused to grant the hotel license for another year and also refused to transfer the license to Mrs. Lazzari for the remainder of the license year. Consequently this left a large quantity of saloon stock in the hands of the guardian, with no authority to sell. It was necessary that a license be secured to sell liquor. The guardian agreed to ask that the license be transferred to it for the purpose of closing out the stock. The petition was presented, the facts were set forth and Judge Irwin made a decree granting a license to the guardian for the purpose of closing up the business at the Lazzari hotel.

E. H. Miller of Scottdale spent Sunday at the home of Hazel Caster.

**Death of Ignatz Denaise in Pittsburgh Hospital Means Another Investigation**

### FOUR MEN AWAITING TRIAL

**Arrest Made of Quartet After Independence Fight—Coroner Heffran Arranging to Hold Inquest Soon Time Next Week.**

The fifteenth in Washington county's list of homicides since September last was added when Ignatz Denaise a Hungarian 21 years of age, died in the West Penn hospital at Pittsburgh. The man's death was the result of a gangrene arising from a bullet wound in the thigh sustained on the night of Sunday, February 7, when a bomb at the Waverly coal works near Independence was exploded by enemies of the occupants.

Mitro Martin, 22 years of age, who was shot in the same fusillade is also in the West Penn hospital and is not expected to live. A third man John Yobolinski was but slightly wounded.

Four men are in the county jail having been arrested by Constable Samuel Adamson a few hours after the attack on the house. They are Steve Neshas, Andy Etupena, Stanley Crasenski and John Wick. Wick said the trouble had its origin over the disputed ownership of a bed which following a justice court hearing was awarded to Yobolinski. It is alleged that the four men who were disappointed by the decision went to the house where Yobolinski lived and opened fire shooting through door and windows and wounding the three occupants of the house.

Denaise had failed to show improvement after being taken to the hospital and his death came as a surprise. Yobolinski accompanied Deputy Coroner W. W. Weigman to Pittsburgh and identified the bomb which was brought to Avella.

Coroner James Heffran will next week empanel a jury and conduct an inquest in the case.

### Y. M. C. A. SUPPER IS HELD AT BENTLEYVILLE

**Gipsy Queen and Conduct of Various Booths Feature Pigeon Creek Fair.**

The Bentleyville Y. M. C. A. had a chicken and waffle supper Saturday evening and a social time was a feature. So-called "Gipsy Queens" were present to engage in fortune telling, Candy and other articles were sold at booths. About 250 persons were served. The sum of \$130 was cleared to assist in carrying on the Y. M. C. A. work, books to be purchased.

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### "THE DEEP PURPLE"

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## PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY

A few years ago George Bernard Shaw wrote a long and vigorous essay on this subject, and it would be interesting to have his views on one of the new laws in New Jersey, says the Providence Journal. The law reverses the application of the familiar biblical pronouncement as to the "sins of the parents" by providing that the sins of the children shall be visited upon the parents. In Trenton a man and his wife were recently indicted by the grand jury because their children were accused of crime. It is the first indictment under a law that holds parents responsible for their children's misdeeds.

If they are convicted in this case the defendants are liable to either fine or imprisonment for failing to exercise a proper parental control over their children. Under the common law a father has been answerable from the immemorial for damage done to persons or property by his minor children. In New Jersey the principle has been carried from the civil into the criminal court, and the parents have been made not only answerable for the recovery of financial damages in civil suits but also liable to punishment in criminal action.

## TRESPASSING EVILS

The evils of trespassing on the railroad are amply explained in the same statement of fatalities arising from such practice. Last year 301 persons were killed, to say nothing of the number injured.

The statement means that 301 human beings through carelessness went voluntarily to their own deaths. A supplementary statement shows that of the 301, many were well educated and of high standing in the business or professional life. This disproves the theory that the only ones who suffer are such ignorant classes as tramps or foreigners.

The railroad is engaged in a safety first movement to aid people in saving their own lives. Two theories are being followed. One is that of education, the other that of arrest and imprisonment. If a man won't voluntarily take care of himself then he must be made to—this is the working plan of the latter method.

Somehow people get the idea that walking on the railroad is not dangerous and how they ever acquire that idea is peculiar. In the face of the fact that from 300 to 500 have been killed each year in the last eight years. The railroad companies are combating an evil they easily recognize and some of these times they will have accomplished lasting success in their endeavors.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

I know a man that Diogenes would have declared a Monogonidia Valley man after a recent experience in the collection of accounts for his firm.

This man had promised us three or four times he would give us something

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on his bill at his first pay," he continued, "and inasmuch as he hadn't been working for several weeks we of course did not press collection."

"The other day he walked into the office, and crew out his pay envelope. It contained two one-dollar bills. Explaining it was his first pay, and remarking that he had promised us something, he insisted upon giving us 50 per cent, which of course was one dollar. It was the hardest money I ever took, but it proved that Diogenes in hunting his honest man had overlooked one safe bet."

The story is told in an exchange of a little argyle—that is the way her grandmother describes her—and some of her actions. Grandmother, and mother maintains that her grandchild is a paragon of virtue. What is sweeter or more consoling, she wishes to have, than the sympathy of a mere child.

Grandmother's rheumatism has been bothering her a great deal of late and she has spent much time reclining in an easy chair before the open fire. Recently she had an attack more severe than usual and when her little grandchild came in from her play she found grandmother confined to her bed.

"I'm so sorry," she exclaimed, impulsively. "Is it very bad, grandma?" "Not so very bad. Don't you worry child. I'll be all right when summer comes and it's warm again."

That night the little girl remembered her grandmother in her prayers, after this fashion:

"God bless mother and father, and keep them well, and please make it hot for grandma."

## Electric Sparks

Somebody wants to know how Germany and the United States could fight a war. They might fight at The Hague.

The Chicago housemaid who held up a holdup man ought to have a pretty good chance for matrimony.

J. C. Young and W. M. Likens debated the prohibition question, but so far there has been no visible effect on the national prohibition issue.

A new Texas law prohibits gun-toting to church. Eventually civilization will advance even to its borders. Then watch it stop.

A fool and his money are soon parted, but some fools and money have yet to get their first introduction.

The official statements and reports of the eyewitness usually reach their source after most people have forgotten the occurrence.

A sure sign of spring is spring suits for the women folks and a slim pocketbook for father and only the latter sign is apparent.

## 301 PERSONS KILLED ON RAILROAD IN 1914

Pennsylvania Railroad Makes Report of Deaths Due to Trespassing—Efforts to Reduce Number to be Made This Year.

Three hundred and one human beings who were or might have been useful men and women—people who trespassed on the property of the Pennsylvania Railroad—were killed in 1914. The deaths are charged to so-called "railroad accidents," yet the railroad was powerless to prevent them.

Those killed in 1914 on the Pennsylvania Railroad has for 730,000 Pennsylvania Railroad while trespassing include people from all walks of life: students, lawyers, painters, salesmen, miners, soldiers, stationary engineers, and others.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has for many years conducted an aggressive campaign against trespassing and the dangerous practice of stealing rides on trains. Some idea of the awful waste of human life caused by trespassing on railroad property—an evil to which thousands of deaths are due every year—can be gained from figures showing the fatalities from that cause on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburgh alone in the past eight years. This is the record: 1907, 572; 1908, 475; 1909, 410; 1910, 336; 1911, 358; 1912, 255; 1913, 311; 1914, 301.

The railroad management will redouble its efforts this year to reduce the practice of trespassing. To this end it will seek the co-operation of all county, city and borough authorities along its lines.

## Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Huh!

A surly, led to Walter Butt. His work I can commend. For, when he shaved by self, the mutt, He cut his own best friend.

Paw Knows Everything.

While—Paw, what is silent con- tempt?

Paw—Silent contempt is something that keeps most of us from wearing a couple of black eyes every day, my son.

Names Is Names.

G. C. Cuthill runs a barber shop on Forest avenue, Norwood, O.

You Know Him.

He's feared and he smells a rat. In other people's dealings. Why, he is so suspicious that He won't trust his own feelings.

Defined.

"What is your definition of the word gentleman?" asked the old fogey.

"A gentleman is a person who doesn't try to make his union suit do the work of pajamas," replied the grouch.

Thank For Them Kind Words.

L. K. Beach of Howell, one of the old timers, now seventy-two years old, was on the market with a herd of good hogs Thursday, looking as hale and hearty as any of them—Exchange.

Wuff!

She cast him off the other day. She saw she's through with Ned; She found that he had feet of clay, And now his name is mud.

The Byplay Minstrels.

"Mr. Interlocutor, can you tell me the difference between a mocking bird and a plumber?"

"No, Mr. Tambo, I cannot. Will you tell us the difference?"

"One pipes a lay and the other lays a pipe."

"After the smoke has cleared away Mr. Sandy Pypes will render that pathetic ballad 'Paw's Using Mother's Toothbrush to Manicure His Nails.'"

An Epitaph.

The bones of Montemorency Ladd in peace are resting here. The drinking water was so bad It brought him to his bier.

Huh!

Gabe—When I was east I was introduced to a man who claims to have mastered all the modern languages.

Steve—Is he a married man?

Gabe—Yes. Why?

Steve—Nothing; only he's a liar.

Some Hot Old Time.

Everett Blackman and Dudley McMillan entertained a dancing party Friday evening at the home of Mr. Blackman on Ten Broeck street. Ice was served throughout the evening. — Exchange.

Huh!

"My friends should always bear in mind," I heard the undertaker sighing "that I can't live unless they're kind enough to help me out by dying."

Maybe.

Dear Luke—If Corning N. Y., had a team in the Federal league would it be called the Cornfeds?—C. Ernst Hamilton, O.

Here's Another One.

Dear Luke—You say that O. M. Rieger of Rieger, Mo., is the only man whose name and address can be read either way. How about O. Ray of Ray, O.?—William Thacker Ray, O.

Our Daily Special.

It is as easy to expect that the best will happen as the worst.

Luke McLuke Says:

If an object is too close to the eye it cannot be seen. That's why we know that other people have faults and that we haven't any.

If you believe that a man is smart don't tell him, tell other people. This will do him more good and will keep his head from swelling.

After all it isn't traveling too fast that causes the automobile accidents. Stopping too suddenly causes all the trouble.

Sometimes the things you get for nothing cost you more than they are worth.

Never pity a man because he looks shabby and greasy. Maybe his wife wears all the good clothes in the family.

Men have more sense than women. You never saw a red headed man who imagined that he had auburn hair.

It has just about got so that if mother asked daughter to wash the dishes daughter would get out an injunction restraining mother from being cruel and unusual.

After watching a bunch of girls overworking their jaws a man often feels sorry that chewing gum isn't favored with moth balls or something else that would make its use unappealing.

Before he gets her he would whip the world for her. After he gets her he wouldn't even beat a rug for her.

It may come to pass that wealthy church members will not be content with the pastor's promise of mansions in the skies, and the good pastor will have to add variegates to satisfy his congregation.

We are the most inventive race in the world. And yet when a married man gets home late he can't invent a measly excuse that will hold water.

## MUST REDEEM PARTY PLEDGES

Senator Crow Emphasizes Necessity For Such Action.

## MUST STAND BY PLATFORM

Republican State Chairman Says the Party Will Be Held Accountable For Work of Legislature — Local Option and Child Labor Bills Under Consideration — Other Important Bills In Senate and House.

Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—Senator William E. Crow, who as chairman of the Republican state committee supervised the framing of the last Republican platform, wants the legislature to redeem every pledge made in that platform. To this end bills covering all the subjects advocated by the Republican party last fall will be introduced and a determined effort made to enact them into laws.

"A platform is something to be lived up to and not merely a convenience for candidates aspiring to office," said Senator Crow recently, in discussing this matter. "Though it is true that some members of the assembly maintain that they are not bound by the Pittsburgh platform, because it is the handiwork of the state committee and not a convention, I believe that a great majority of the members agree with me that it is the duty of the Republican legislators to vote for the measures written in that instrument."

"If any candidate on the Republican ticket openly repudiated the platform, or any part of it, and was elected as a result of such public repudiation, he may be justified in voting contrary to the principles laid down at the meeting in Pittsburgh last August. But if he failed to make known his antagonistic views during the campaign, then I feel he is in duty bound to support every plank of the platform."

Agree With Chairman.

That the Republicans in the legislature are disposed to agree with Senator Crow on the importance of the party living up to the campaign pledges was shown on the equal suffrage resolution that passed the house last week. It is no secret that a great majority of the lower branch at heart



SENATOR E. E. SEIDLEMAN, Choice of Republican Caucus For Next President Pro Tem. of Senate.

opposed the resolution, but notwithstanding this fact it passed by a vote of 120 to 71. Of these 120 who favored the resolution, there were 109 Republicans, 19 Democrats, 1 Socialist and 1 Washington party man.

Those who opposed the resolution were 50 Republicans and 21 Democrats. In other words, the Republicans who voted to stand by the party platform on this question were over double the number of Republicans who voted contrary to the platform. On the other hand, a clear majority of the Democratic members voted against the resolution, though the platform of that party declared for the suffrage amendment submission just as decisively as the Republican.

What Party Will Do.

The Republican party, carrying out the wishes of the state platform and complying with the urgent request of Governor Brumbaugh and State Chairman Crow, will now pass a fair workmen's compensation act, insist upon liberal appropriations for state roads and the maintenance of highways known as dirt roads, increase the efficiency of the mothers' pension act, pass remedial laws for anthracite miners and resist every effort to saddle the taxpayers of Pennsylvania with a state tax on real estate or any other subject already taxed locally by counties, cities, boroughs, townships or school districts.

State Chairman Crow realizes that the Republican party will be held accountable for the acts of the present legislature. Unlike the assembly of two years ago, when there were mixtures and admixtures of all political faiths, the senate and house this year are both overwhelmingly Republican. There is no insurgency in the ranks of the Republicans, and the Democrats, numbering hardly half a hundred, are quiet and docile.

This situation impels Chairman Crow to emphasize the necessity of the Republican members standing by the pledges of the party. Whatever is done of benefit to the people will be due to the Republican party and the people will give it due credit and praise. At the same time every blunder of omission or commission will

be laid at the door of the party, where it will rightfully belong.

Local Option Bill.

It is doubtful if the local option bill will pass either branch of the legislature. The liquor forces claim that they have at least 125 members who have given assurance that they will vote against the measure, and if this is true the temperance people will be unable to rally more than 50 votes.

The bill this session differs materially from previous local option measures. Before a special election may be held a petition bearing the signatures of at least 25 per cent of the vote cast in the preceding general election shall be presented in Philadelphia county, for example, the signatures of 15,000 qualified electors would have to be secured. In Allegheny county, 7,700; in Luzerne county, 10,000; in Lancaster county, 5,000, and so on, according to the vote cast at the last election. In the counties of Cameron and Forest, which have the smallest voting population in the state, the number of signatures would approximate 200.

According to those back of this local option bill, there must actually be well formed sentiment in a county in favor of a referendum before the machinery can be put in operation. They say that even the person who defends the sale and use of liquor may conscientiously advocate a measure that gives a majority of the citizens the right to decide a matter of grave concern to their community.

Hard Coal Legislation.

Anthracite miners have discovered that no matter what workmen's compensation law is placed on the statute books, it will not help them in case of injury unless the mine code of 1891 is amended. It seems that hard coal miners are hired by mine foremen and not by the companies. As the foremen who do the hiring are certified by the state, the coal companies would claim exemption from the operation of any compensation law on the ground that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, technically, engaged the men.

This condition of affairs, affecting as it does 200,000 toilers in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania, has caused the United Mine Workers to draft a bill to correct the difficulty. It was introduced in the senate a few days ago by Senator Catlin, of Luzerne.

There is no chance of a bill offered by Representative Ramsey, of Delaware, for the repeal of the tax on anthracite coal getting beyond the house committee stage. Mr. Ramsey claims that inasmuch as the coal companies have raised the price of coal to meet this additional taxation, that the burden has fallen upon the consumer.

Representative Roney, of Philadelphia, author of the anthracite tax law, defends the present act upon the ground that it would be a mistake to repeal an revenue-raising law at a time when the state treasury is in need of additional funds. The revenue from this tax is supposed to be divided among the anthracite counties and the state, but the coal companies have resisted payment till the supreme court decides the constitutionality of the law, and as a result the money collected from the poor consumers remains in the coffers of the companies.

Labor of Children.

Senator Marshall Phipps, of Venango county, author of the child labor bill introduced in the upper branch of the legislature, states that the proposed law has the endorsement of the Pennsylvania Child Labor association. It also conforms with the views of Governor Brumbaugh.

Though there is no change in the minimum working age of fourteen years, numerous and various restrictions are imposed. At present boys between fourteen and sixteen are allowed to work ten hours a day and fifty-eight hours a week. The Phipps act would reduce the hours for both to eight a day and forty-eight a week. Boys now may work in glass industries at night, but the new law would prohibit such employment. No person under eighteen would be permitted to engage in an extra hazardous occupation.

Farm Educating Work.

According to a bill in the house, presented by Jones, of Susquehanna, it is planned to further the co-operation of the state with the federal government in the matter of agricultural instruction work. The measure accepts the provisions of the Smith-Lever act of congress, which will make available \$104,520 every two years, providing a similar amount is appropriated by the state for agricultural education. By the act of congress the federal grant will increase annually for seven years, at the end of which time \$500,000 will be given to Pennsylvania.

In refusing to agree to the constitutional amendment for the abolishing of the department of internal affairs, the state senate last week paid an unusual tribute to the occupant of that office, Henry Harsh. Though this amendment passed the last legislature, was averted last fall by the secretary of the commonwealth and was scheduled to come before the people at next November's election, not a single senator voted for it. The vote was 47 to 6.

Ex-Governor Tener was very anxious to abolish this department, on the ground that its work is now being performed by the new department of labor and industry. Secretary Harsh took issue with this contention. It is believed that Governor Brumbaugh sided with the latter. Everybody seemed pleased that the venerable Housh was not to be legislated out of office, and following the unanimous killing of the amendment he was surrounded by a score of senators and congratulated.

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*Hughie Jennings*

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"Ee—yah!" That's Hughie Jennings' battlecry, out there on the coaching line by third base. He's one of the peppiest, gingeriest men in baseball; always up on his toes, rooting for dear life, making those runs come in.

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## An Open, Square, Aboveboard, Direct Appeal to the Intelligence and Judgment of the People

The railroads of Pennsylvania and New Jersey believe that the public should be fully advised concerning the Full Crew laws in these states. Costly experience has demonstrated that these laws have worked to the detriment of public interest and that their repeal would redound greatly to the advantage of the people.

### Not a Fight On Trainmen

The railroad companies making this announcement wish the public to clearly understand that this appeal is in no way to be construed as being aimed at the trainmen in their employ, nor is it an effort to curtail operating expenses at the cost of public safety or service.

The companies point to the fact, with justifiable pride, that whenever public safety and convenience demanded an increased number of employees the necessary men were put on trains. Behind this statement is a record of advancements and improvement achievements which is a most vital factor of calm and dispassionate consideration of the laws in question.

But when arbitrary laws are passed which compel these railroad companies to burden their payrolls with some \$2,000,000 annually for wasted, unwarranted extra labor, and which actually means a decrease, rather than an increase, in operating efficiency, together with heavier casualty lists, it is undeniable that the public should be put in full touch with existing conditions that the people may judge wisely for themselves should an effort be made to impugn the sincere motives which prompt this educational campaign.

### How Full Crew Law Works

A twenty-nine-car freight train can be operated with five men. Add a car and an extra man must go on. The law requires no larger crew on a hundred-car train.

A four-car passenger train can run with five men. On a five-car or longer train there must be an extra man. Even if all the cars are Pullmans, with porters and a Pullman conductor, a six-man railroad crew is required.

A milk or express train of twenty or more cars, running through, sealed, and virtually without stops, must carry a crew of six. The only place four of them would ride would be in the end car.

When the Full Crew law became effective in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Railroad Lines East of Pittsburgh and Erie were operating in Pennsylvania 2,971 weekday trains. Of these, 1,198 passenger and 1,061 freight trains were manned up to or beyond the law's requirements.

The 1,198 passenger trains which were provided with crews equal to or in excess of the law's requirements consisted principally of local or semi-local trains, making frequent stops and handling a large number of passengers. The second brakeman was employed to expedite the departure of trains from stations and to assist conductors in collecting tickets.

The 1,061 freight trains on which the law required no additional men consisted of local freight trains carrying package freight, on which brakemen were required to load and unload cars; road shifters, doing a large amount of work, necessitating the throwing of switches and much hand braking on cars; mine trains, placing empty cars and picking up loaded cars, and through slow freight trains of heavy tonnage on the Philadelphia and Middle Divisions on which the brakemen riding on the front part of the trains were required to assist the firemen.

### Official Casualty Statistics

The effect of the Full Crew laws in forcing extra men into already adequate train crews, thus dividing responsibility, has been to increase the hazard of operation. This fact is conclusively proved by the official figures of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The great number of persons killed who were neither employees nor passengers have not been included, for it is obvious that extra men on trains are powerless to prevent such casualties.

The Pennsylvania Full Crew law took effect on July 19, 1911. The Commission's figures show that for the three-year period preceding this date 10,186 employees and passengers were killed. Since the law became operative, the total number killed shows an increase of 10,372 persons.

The casualty list of the Pennsylvania Railroad for the six months preceding the enactment and the first six months of 1914, when the law was in full force and effect, discloses the following startling comparison:

	Before Law, First half 1911		Under Law, First half 1914	
Trainmen	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Passengers	15	1048	16	1699
	1	99	2	141
	16	1145	18	1840

\*Fell from train.

### What the Extra Man Costs

Twenty Railroads in Pennsylvania and New Jersey last year paid in employment of superfluous brakemen \$2,000,000  
That would have bought 200 steel coaches  
It would have bought 80 locomotives  
It would have paid for 67,000 tons of rail  
It would have returned 5% on \$40,000,000  
It would have block signaled 300 miles of track  
It would have eliminated 65 grade crossings

### Rejected by Other States

A Full Crew law was enacted in Missouri and signed by the Governor in April, 1913. In November, 1914, it was submitted to a referendum vote. The people repudiated the law by a vote of 324,085 against 159,593.

A proposed Full Crew law for Texas failed to pass owing to the popular protest against it, led by the farmers.

In 1907, Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, vetoed an attempt to enact a Full Crew law in that state.

In 1912, Governor John A. Dix, of New York, also vetoed a Full Crew measure. Governor Foss, of Massachusetts, vetoed a Full Crew bill passed by the legislature.

In 1913 the State Assembly wisely referred a Full Crew law to the Railroad Commission of Connecticut, who promptly condemned it.

Governor Clegg, of Oklahoma, vetoed a Full Crew bill in 1913. Attempts to enact Full Crew laws in Colorado, Delaware, Virginia, and Ohio were defeated.

In Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Maryland such laws are in force. In the interest of the public, the railroads, and the great body of railroad employees, these burdensome laws should be repealed. In Pennsylvania, approximately 65,000 men are employed in train service. Only 2,500 of these are extra brakemen.

### Will Wage a Just Fight

Railroads operating in Pennsylvania and New Jersey are determined to place their case squarely and fairly before the people of these states. They are firmly convinced that the people—all of whom, without exception, are affected more or less directly by the imposition of this annual \$2,000,000 burden, and thousands of whom are direct sufferers—will, knowing what a continuation of these harmful laws means to them, voice their wishes in no uncertain way to their elected representatives at Harrisburg and Trenton.

This campaign of public enlightenment will be waged by the railroads in a manner that cannot possibly be legitimately assailed. There will be no lobbying, no star chamber conferences, or private deals to influence public opinion or legislative action. The campaign will be fought in the open, purely on its merits.

### Railroad Pledge to Trainmen and Public

Definitely and finally to give public notice that the railroads ask only a square deal all around in this matter, the presidents of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, in announcing on February 9 that the railroads intended to work for repeal of the Full Crew laws, pledged themselves as follows:

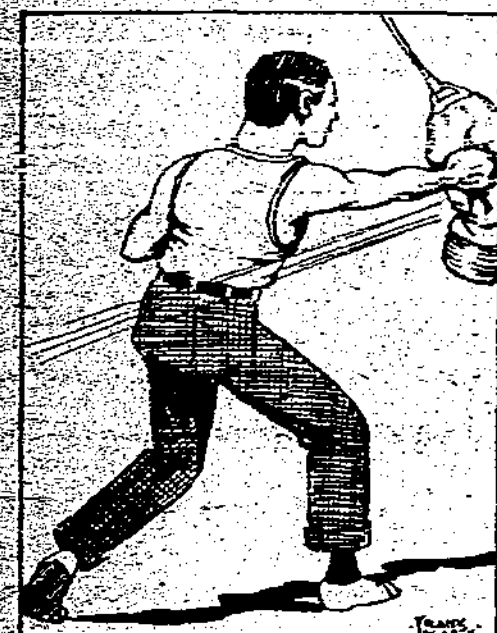
"Let us add that if there shall be evidence that without such laws the railroads would underman trains to the hardship of employees or the detriment of or danger to the public, that, assuming the present Public Service acts do not give to the commissions ample powers to determine what crews are necessary on different trains and to compel the railroads to man trains as ordered, we will openly support such amendments to the present acts as may be necessary to give such assurance."

The railroads now appeal directly to the people, who demand the greatest safety at all times and who realize that a policy of wise economy, and not one of wasted revenue, will enable the railroads to adequately fulfill their obligations and meet those demands as they should be met.

R. L. O'DONNELL

Chairman, Executive Committee, Associated Railroads of Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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When you have a severe, stubborn cough or cold, you want the best possible medicine, you can get, therefore, why not buy one which is guaranteed to be found the most satisfactory remedy ever used by you, and get your money refunded by the druggist of this city named below, whom you know to be responsible, in case it should not prove so, instead of buying one purely on the exaggerated claims of its manufacturer or on the strength of testimonials from others and run the chance of getting something worthless and wasting your money? In buying Schiffmann's Concentrated Expectorant, besides securing an absolute guarantee of its efficiency from these druggists, you also get about eight times as much excellent cough medicine as you would in buying any of the old-fashioned, ready-made kinds, because 50 cents worth makes a

### Lime Starvation Causes Tuberculosis

The Medical Record (New York) of December 18, 1909, contains an article on "The Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Based on the Assumption That the Dietetic Cause of the Disease is Lime Starvation," by Dr. John F. Russell, who says: "The condition which is recognized as preceding the active development of tuberculosis in the adult may be considered as due to lime starvation. Among inorganic substances lime salts appear to be of special physiological importance. But if the salts are not in organic combination it is difficult to suppose that the cells can appropriate them for food."

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Working eight hours a day, then, an expert counter of coins will count 32,000 silver dollars in a day, but how long will it take him at that rate to count a million dollars? Thirty-one days. But that is only the beginning of the measurements of great figures, for if this same man were to go on counting silver dollars at the same rate of speed for ten years he would find that he had counted 100,000,000 of them and that to count a billion dollars would require 102 years of steady work at the rate of eight hours a day during every working day of every one of the 102 years. — O. P. Austin, Former Chief of the Bureau of Statistics.

### At Night In Africa.

Stewart Edward White, writing in the American Magazine on lion adventures, comments as follows on the ravages of wild animals in Africa after nightfall:

"We spent the short evening each in his own fashion. I in my canvas chair smoking, the men squatted on their heels around their tiny fires eating quantities of meat and corn meal. Outside our little dome of light the night businesses of the veldt went forward. Only the most formidable or the most insignificant creatures raised their voices except in alarm or warning. Lions roared; insects hummed and chirped. Out there in the dark was a different world from that in which we moved so freely during the daylight hours—a dangerous, tragic world. Next day we would find evidences of the fact. I have seen killed by lions the remains of every sort of creature except buffalo and rhinoceros. Lions are said occasionally to kill even buffalo, though rarely."

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Horace Fletcher says "Worry is a sneak thief." It constantly steals the man's strength of mind and body. Eliminate the worry habit by starting a savings account with this bank, add a small percentage of your salary each day—it will care for those financial difficulties that come to the family from sickness and other misfortune.

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## WAR BULLETINS

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is engaged in the third battle of the Mazurian lakes, which it is believed will prove disastrous to the Russians. Forty thousand Russians are reported to have been captured.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Germany has submitted a note agreeing to recede from her plan of destroying enemy merchant ships, if restrictions placed by the allies on shipments of conditional contraband destined to Germany were removed. The facts in the case were submitted to Great Britain, which gives reply denying unwarranted interference with U. S. commerce. Holland, like the United States, has made a protest on the question of neutrality.

London, Feb. 16.—Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, intimated that further action would be taken by the allies to prevent the importation of foodstuffs in neutral ships to Germany.

The Young Ladies Altar Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church will hold a Valentine Social in the Sunday school room of the church on Tuesday evening, February 16. Admission 15 cents. All are cordially invited. 189-13

To cool fever patients a Missourian has invented a series of rubber tubes to completely surround a person and be filled with ice water.

## FARMER'S WEEK TO BE OBSERVED NEAR HOME

Arrangements Being Made For Meeting With Lectures and Demonstrations To be Held at Pittsburg Later Part of Month.

The leaders in agricultural work are united in the opinion that their most important work at the present time is to carry information we now have to the people who are to put it into practice. In line with this thought the Pennsylvania State College is offering a three day Farmers' Week in Pittsburg on February 23, 24 and 25 in the convention halls of the Monongahela House, Smithfield and Water streets, except the Wednesday evening session which will be held in the Fort Pitt hotel.

The program is composed of live topics. Washington County farmers may procure a copy of this program from the Agricultural Bureau, Washington, Pa., or from the secretary of their local Grange and arrange to attend at least one day of the scheduled exercises. On Tuesday the subjects covered will deal with "Soil Fertility," "Diseases of Farm Animals," "Production of Clean Milk," "Some Factors Contributing to the High Price of Meat," "Feeding and Caring for Poultry," "Marketing of Fruit" and "Spraying Orchards." On the Wednesday program will be "Beef—Cattle Demonstrations" with pure-bred animals held at 44 Tunnel Street; "Results of Orchard Experiments in Pennsylvania," "Lime," "Swine Lectures and Demonstrations," "The Smith Lever Bill and What it Means," "Possibilities in Home Economics," Thursday, "Feeding a Dairy Herd," "Saving Steps," "Experiments With Vegetables," "Alfalfa," "Market Gardening," "Home Nursing," "Pennsylvania Experiment Station, its Work and Lesson," and "Meat Cutting Demonstrations With Beef and Swine Carcasses." All these topics will be handled by specialists in their lines.

Farmers will be interested in hearing an explanation of the "Smith Lever Bill and What it Means." This bill provides for a large amount of money to be spent in extension work. The bill specifically states that the money must be used for extension purposes. The government appropriates a certain sum of money, based on the percent of the rural population. To many people it will be a surprise to know that on this basis Pennsylvania will receive the largest amount of any state in the union. The question of the federal government making such an appropriation depends on whether the state appropriates a like amount. The present legislature will be called upon to consider such appropriation which if met in full will require about \$105,000 for the two years or the sum total of the government and state funds would amount to about \$230,000 for the coming two years, to be spent entirely in extension work. Whether the state appropriates any money or not the Government will appropriate \$10,000 a year to each state, the money to be expended through the experiment station and college which in case of Pennsylvania is the Pennsylvania State College.

**Wireless in the Amazon Region.**  
In the Tumara region of the Amazon the natives use a crude system of wireless telegraphy, which, it is claimed, has been in operation for thousands of years. The transmitter found by an explorer was a hollowed trunk of a tree suspended from a horizontal pole stretched between two stumps. Inside the transmitter had been arranged much like a violin, and it was explained that when the instrument was struck smartly with a small rubber hammer a vibration was created that carried for miles over the hills. The receiver is very similar to the transmitter, except that it is placed on a hardwood platform, the base of the hollowed tree trunk being grounded on the platform. When the message is struck in the neighboring village, sometimes thirty miles away, this receiver catches the vibrations, causing a jerky, singing sound. The sound system, it is said, can be read by the members of the tribe, and in this way news of victories and other happenings are told throughout the countryside.—Argonaut.

**Washing Day in Sicily.**  
The Sicilians have the reputation of not washing themselves overfrequently, but if they are remiss in this respect they more than make up for it by washing their garments—washing, in fact, being a perennial occupation among the women. The songs of the women folk as they scrub the clothes of their husbands and children outside the doors of their homes, if living in a city, or in some brook or running stream, if living in the country, are a noticeable feature of lower class Sicilian life.

The long spikes on the prickly pear leaves and aloe plants make splendid natural pegs on which to dry the clothes, and in all the rural districts you will see them thus utilized, but if they do not happen to be sufficiently handy the clothes are often stretched out upon the mountain side to dry. The occupation and recreation of most of the poorer women may be summed up in three words—washing and gossip.—Wide World Magazine.

**The Star Alcayone.**  
The size of the star Alcayone and its distance from the sun are both unknown, and so far as can now be seen must remain unknown. It has no parallax large enough to be measured by the most accurate modern micrometric methods.

That is, take a large telescope with you, go to Alcayone, then look back this way, then the entire diameter of the orbit of the earth around the sun, a huge ellipse, 185,705,000 miles in diameter, if a bright line in space so that it could be seen, would appear to be so small that the telemicrometer could not measure it. Not knowing the distance, the size cannot be known. But, judging from its light when compared with that of other stars whose distances are fairly well known, it must be colossal—many times larger than our medium sized star, the sun.—New York American.

**Art Criticism.**  
It is related that almost the last work Sir Edwin Landseer was engaged on was a life sized picture of Nell Gwyn passing through an archway on a white palfrey. This picture, in which the horse alone was finished, was bought by one of the Rothschild family and given to Sir John Millais to complete. One morning a celebrated art critic called on the painter and was much impressed by this work. "Ah, to be sure," he said, going up close and examining a deerhound in the foreground of the picture: "how easily one can recognize Landseer's dogs. Wonderful, isn't it?" "Yes; it is wonderful!" said Sir John, lighting his pipe. "I finished painting that dog yesterday morning and have done the whole of it myself."

**German Army Shoes.**  
Leather used for German army shoes is the result of many tests. It is rather dry compared with American vegetable tanned leather. However, it is made dry so that the oxidizing oils and fats will not rot the leather fiber during the many years that it may be held in storage. Every soldier when he gets his army shoes also gets a can of shoe dressing, with which he dresses his shoes. This keeps them pliable and water resisting. The boots are crimped. They have only two seams. They are practically water tight. The thread used for stitching them is hand waxed. The absence of blackings of any nature tends to save the life of the boot. It rejects the sun's rays too.—Hide and Leather.

**Argentina's Natural Bridge.**  
In Argentina there is a natural bridge that is one of the most wonderful in the world. It spans the Rio Mendoza and is known as the Inca bridge. It is the work of nature and not, as was once popularly supposed, of the Incas. The road on which it occurs was probably a highway made by the Peruvian Incas, who took advantage of the phenomenon by leading their road over this natural viaduct.

**A Prosperous Scheme.**  
"Doing any good?"  
"Yep. Got a business man's athletic class. Tuition, \$5 a year."  
"Well, those rates are attractive, but too low to pay for."  
"You don't get the idea. They all drop out in about two weeks. Then I start another class."—Judge.

**Much Traveled.**  
First Tourist—Did you ever see the Catskill mountains? Second Tourist—No, never, but I have seen them kill mice.

Vanity dies hard. In some obstinate cases it outlives the man.—Stevenson.

## LITTLE DAMAGE DONE BY MIDNIGHT BLAZE

A fire of slight consequence occurred Monday night at a small house on Third street, near Crest avenue. The place belongs to foreign people whose names have not been learned. The total damage would not amount to more than \$30 or \$50.

## RECEIVE WORD OF THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH KIRK

Word was received here today of the death at Beaver Falls of Elizabeth P. Kirk, aged 13 years, the daughter of T. L. Kirk. The girl was a niece of Mrs. William Kirk and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clark of Charleroi, who will go Thursday to attend the funeral.

## Notice.

Bids will be received for the erection of 390 feet of board fence surrounding the Rodgers school and also for the furnishing of 52 locust posts, up to and including Saturday, Feb. 27, by the Fallowfield School Board. Specifications may be seen at the Bank of Charleroi. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Henry Rider, President.  
Wesley Young, Secretary.  
Feb. 16-19-22-25

## CHORAL REHEARSAL TO BE HELD THIS EVENING

The Charleroi Choral Society will hold its weekly rehearsal at the high school building this evening, in preparation for its proposed concert in April.

## ARMY CAMP WATER.

How the Supply Is Conserved and Used in the German Army.

Suitable drinking water is of vital importance to an army, and this is only one of a multitude of problems that must be studied carefully by those who conduct a successful campaign. The water supply of a camp is a matter of great importance. Only running water is used.

In the German army the upstream water is used for drinking purposes and the downstream water for watering horses and for bathing. Suitable signs notify the men which water is safe to drink and which may be used only for bathing. In shallow, narrow streams basins are dug or small dams built so as to form a reservoir of ample dimensions.

Stepping stones are provided to keep the water clean, as well as board protection to prevent the banks from crumbling. Basins are dug for watering horses; troughs are provided only in case of necessity and are then propped on posts and filled by means of pumps. Pipes may be driven if water lies at a reasonable depth—in other words, not more than twenty feet. Depending upon their size, these pipes will deliver from four to twenty-two gallons of water per minute.

If water lies very near the surface a hole is dug and a cask, the bottom of which has been knocked out, is placed in the hole to form a basin. If the water lies at a greater depth the basin may be formed of box sections driven together on top of the other.—Scientific American.

## FISHES WITH ITS WINGS.

The Cassowary Has a Way of Its Own For Capturing Its Prey.

Habits of the cormorant and of our native fish hawk are generally known. Their methods of taking fish are very much like those of birds of prey. But the cassowary fishes according to a method of its own. A well known naturalist witnessed its operations on a river to the island of New Britain. He saw a cassowary come down to the water's edge and stand for some minutes apparently watching the water carefully. It then stepped into the river where it was about three feet deep and, partially squatting down, spread its wings out, submerging them, the feathers being spread and ruffled.

The bird remained motionless and kept its eyes closed as if in sleep. It remained in this position for a quarter of an hour, suddenly closing its wings and straightening its feathers. It stepped out on the bank. Here it shook itself several times, whereupon a quantity of small fishes fell out of its wings and from amid its feathers. These the bird immediately picked up and swallowed.

The fishes had evidently mistaken the feathers for a kind of weed that grows in the water along the banks of the river in this island and which much resemble the feathers of the cassowary. The smaller fishes hide in these weeds to avoid the larger ones that prey on them.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## Camels in Warfare.

Camels are a feature of warfare in the far east. Caesar was in the year 556 the scene of a fight known as the battle of the camel, in which Ayesha, the wife of Mahomet, headed the charge mounted upon one of these beasts. And down through the centuries Arab hosts have been led by a girl riding on a blackened camel, singing songs of encouragement to her own side and insult to the other. According to the strict rules of the game, her capture or death meant the flight of her tribe, while in the event of victory she led the triumphal march.—London Chronicle.

## GLASSER-CROSS NUPTIALS TAKE PLACE AT ST. JEROME'S CHURCH

At 6 o'clock this morning at St. Jerome's Catholic church the wedding of Miss Virginia Gross of Charleroi and Phillip W. C. Glasser of Monongahela took place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. N. Axmacher, assistant rector of the church. The couple were attended by Miss Mary Gross and Joseph Gross. They will live in Charleroi. The groom is employed at the plant of the Pittsburgh Steel Products company at Monessen.

## EUCHRE IS PLEASING PRE-LENTEN EVENT AT ST. JEROME'S LYCEUM

One of the events of the pre-Lenten season was that of a euchre given Monday evening under the auspices of the L. C. B. A., at St. Jerome's Lyceum. The euchre was attended by a large crowd. Fifty-five tables were set for playing, and a general good time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Tonight at 8 o'clock the Young Ladies Sodality will give a dance that promises to be a popular affair.

## CLAYBAUGH-BERTRAM NUPTIALS TAKE PLACE IN CUMBERLAND

Miss Marie Alberta Bertram, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bertram of North Charleroi and Leo Joseph Claybaugh, son of Mrs. Mary Claybaugh, were married at Cumberland, Md., on Saturday evening. News of the wedding reached their relatives soon afterward, coming as a complete surprise. The couple returned Sunday evening receiving the congratulations and best wishes of their friends. The couple will live in Charleroi, the groom being connected as a blacksmith with the Claybaugh Brothers shop.

## EDWARD ABELES TO BE SEEN IN "THE MILLION"

Following its affiliation with Henry W. Savage, recently effected, the Famous Players Film Co. presents Edward Abeles in a four-part adaptation of Henry W. Savage's tremendously successful mystery farce, "The Million," the current Paramount attraction at the Coyle Theatre—Thursday. So quick is the action of the farce that its adaptation to the screen was inevitable indeed, the plot is a motion picture in itself. Edward Abeles is versatile, and at all times entertaining. Though he is called upon to portray six distinct characterizations, he changes his personality with each change of costume and the effect is surprisingly entertaining.

A weight attached by a chain to the stopper of a hot water bottle and placed inside the latter prevents the stopper from being mislaid.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tussing of Washington avenue spent Tuesday in Pittsburg.

Warren Kinder was a caller in Brownsville Monday evening.

Miss Ida Jenkins was a Pittsburg visitor Tuesday.

H. E. Price has returned from West Middlesex where he visited over Sunday.

W. J. Minor has returned to his home at Akron, Ohio, after a two months visit with his sisters, Mrs. J. F. Laird and Mrs. W. F. Hennings.

O. Evans Mikesell, sealer of weights and measures, George S. Hornback, deputy sheriff and Chester Sutherland, county recorder of Washington, all political leaders were visitors in Charleroi Tuesday.

Henry Sheets the local real estate dealer, was stricken with illness at his office Monday afternoon and had to be removed to his home. He is apparently none the worse today for his attack.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. F. D. White of Fourth street a daughter.

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